

Transportation and Infrastructure

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Our region's geography provides us with a strategic opportunity to continue as one of the nation's most important transportation links between the Port of Toledo and the St. Lawrence Seaway System, the intersection of Interstates I-75 and I-80/I-90, and one of the nation's six busiest rail centers. Through our transportation assets we can make investments that secure and create jobs and companies in our region, such as the construction of the I-280 Veterans' Glass City Skyway, rehabbing Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza (Central Union Terminal) rail station, and expansion of Toledo Express Airport.

Our converting local public transit and other public vehicle fleets to renewable energy we can expand our reputation and experiences as a center for alternative energy development. This effort is enabled through the University of Toledo and its securing through, H.R. 3, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) of 2005 a University Transportation Center (UTC). The U.S. Department of Transportation invests in the future of transportation through its University Transportation Centers Program, which awards grants to universities across the United States to advance the state-of-the-art in transportation research and develop the next generation of transportation professionals. In 2005, the University of Toledo was designated as a Tier II UTC and funded for \$500,000 per year for four years (\$2 million).

Our position on the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee provides oversight and direction to the \$108.3 billion in total budgetary resources for transportation and housing programs funded last year, including \$40.2 billion for highways, \$10.3 billion for public transit, \$3.5 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, and \$1.5 billion for intercity passenger rail.

Assuring that our nation has a 21st century transportation system to meet our ever increasing needs is critical in maintaining our economy. Investing in a modern high-speed passenger rail system is essential to securing the future economic development of our region and the nation.

Legislation I Have Sponsored

H.R.4318 Latest Title: 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act Sponsor: Rep Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9] (introduced 12/15/2009)

Legislation I Have Cosponsored

H.R.595 Latest Title: American Steel First Act of 2009 Sponsor: Rep Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1] (introduced 1/15/2009)

H.R.1396 Latest Title: Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act of 2009 Sponsor: Rep Lewis, John [D-GA-5] (introduced 3/9/2009)

H.R.1835 Latest Title: New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009 Sponsor: Rep Boren, Dan [D-OK-2] (introduced 4/1/2009)

H.R.1881 Latest Title: Transportation Security Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009 Sponsor: Rep Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18] (introduced 4/2/2009)

H.R.2568 Latest Title: Fairness and Transparency in Contracting Act of 2009 Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4] (introduced 5/21/2009)

H.R.3518 Latest Title: Waterfront Brownfields Revitalization Act Sponsor: Rep Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28] (introduced 7/31/2009)

H.R.4788 Latest Title: Aviation Jobs Outsourcing Prevention Act Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1] (introduced 3/9/2010)

H.R.5791 Latest Title: Buses, Rail Cars, Ferryboats: Make it in America Act of 2010 Sponsor: Rep Garamendi, John [D-CA-10] (introduced 7/20/2010)